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Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b) applicants disclose to the Examiner the documents listed on the attached IDC form PTO-1449; a copy of each document is enclosed. The relevance of the non-English documents is explained in the specification. Where available, applicants have cited English language counterparts to or provided translations of the non-English documents. Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to consider each document and note that consideration where provided on the IDC.

This Statement does not represent that a search was made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute prior art. Therefore applicants reserve the right to present to the Examiner the relevant facts and law regarding the status of each listed document. Applicants further reserve the right to take

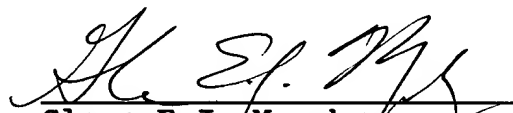
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appropriate action to establish patentability of the claimed invention over the listed document, should it be applied against the claims.

No office action on the above-referenced application has been received by Applicant, and therefore no fee for submitting this IDS is believed to be due. However, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-1250 if any fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 is deemed necessary for the accompanying reference to be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office.

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